

**BRUNSWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Kurt Stinson, Jason Coombs, David Kilgour, and Amanda Mahaffey

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeremy Doxsee

A meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at Brunswick Station, Suite 202. Chairman Kurt Stinson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** December 12, 2012 & January 9, 2013

**MOTION BY DAVID KILGOUR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2012. SECONDED BY AMANDA MAHAFFEY, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY AMANDA MAHAFFEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2013. SECONDED BY JASON COOMBS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Conservation Commission Activities:**

**a) Brunswick Landing**

- RTOS Management Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group update (Kurt)  
Kurt Stinson stated that the Advisory Group is close to completing a draft management plan; the next step will be to hold public forum. Kurt stated that the initial management plan will cover the area referred to as Rec7, the larger part of the base. Kurt noted that there is an effort to choose a name for Rec 7 and that Brunswick High School students who worked in conjunction with the Historic/Cultural Sub Committee of the RTOS and its Co-Chair Fred Koerber have come up with three possibilities:
  1. “Kate” Furbish Preserve
  2. Woodward Preserve and
  3. Thomas Purchase Preserve

Kurt reminded the Commission that he and Amanda Bunker are members of the RTOS Management Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group.

- Update on MRRA Subdivision Application (Jeremy)  
Jeremy Doxsee reviewed the letter provided in the Commission packet from Steven Levesque, Exec Director MRRA and stated that as of the last Planning Board meeting there has been a difference of opinion within the Board about the best way to review and approve a subdivision application in terms of natural resources such as wet lands and vernal pools as well as the need for the resources to be verified and delineated on the plans. He stated that some members of the Planning Board would prefer to see these results for all 43 lots up front. Jeremy believes that MRRA will be resubmitting a plan shortly, with possibly fewer than 43 lots, and focusing on the lots with buildings already on

them, lots that have been developed and have impervious surface, paved areas and parking lots. Jeremy noted that the next meeting with MRRA and the Planning Board will be on 2/26/13. Jeremy explained the issues some members of the Planning Board had with the differences in delineation; field versus map as well as time passed since flagging. Kurt suggested looking into guidelines that had been created in roughly 2009 and may be an appendix to the Open Space Report which may be of assistance to MRRA on what the Town is looking for. Jeremy to bring copy of the proposed subdivision plan to the next meeting for review.

**b) Natural Resource Stewardship**

- Update on the easement monitoring schedule (Jeremy)  
Guidance to Jeremy Doxsee on the process of scheduling and site visit to-do. Jeremy believes that April will be a target date; Amanda Mahaffey suggested looking at those easements with vernal pools first.

Conservation easements due for inspection are:

1. Arrowhead Farms
2. Breezy Point
3. John's Point & Miller Point
4. Moody Road
5. Sweeney

**c) Public Education**

- Joint project with school district? (Kurt)  
Kurt Stinson reviewed the Commissions desire to conduct a cleanup of town owned property and stated that they are proposing to have a cleanup on the property behind Brunswick Jr. High/Coffin Elementary on the southwest corner. Kurt stated that there are trails and occasionally classes are held on the property. He stated that the site has some trails which need cleanup, invasive species which need to be addressed and possible trail marking. Kurt indicated that he has spoken to the Director of Grounds for the school who believes that this joint project is feasible; details to be finalized in the upcoming months. Jason Coombs asked about the former dump area; Kurt replied that there would be more work involved. Kurt stated that he is targeting May before school lets out to get the students and teachers involved.

**d) Natural Resource Inventory and Planning**

- Inventorying all Town park properties  
Amanda Mahaffey stated that in 2012, the Commission surveyed the areas that did not fall under Parks and Recreation jurisdiction and were considered town owned and have no other stewardship other than what the Conservation Commission could offer and targeted these properties in the Town Owned Open Space Report. She stated that Parks and Recreation does have many properties that have conservation value and noted that the Commission had begun looking into those that had the most conservation value but noted that

the Commission had encountered many roadblocks in the Open Space Report. Jeremy pointed out that he has begun review of the 45 visits already complete and will continue to work on the project. Kurt replied that they have picked some properties to review in 2013 and added that the intent is that Parks and Recreation have information to refer to in the future if they wish to develop the property.

- Site visit scheduling & reports
  - Androscoggin River and then Town Commons  
Kurt Stinson stated that they have conducted surveys on the properties along the river which are strictly town owned; what remains are areas that are quasi-public and are not privately owned. Kurt stated that the Commission envisions the Inventory Report be a living document.

**e) Subcommittee Updates**

- Website/ Media & Public Outreach: Kurt stated that the main objective of the Public Outreach Subcommittee was to devise a mission statement for the website and read the proposed mission statement and objectives. Members agreed that the new mission statement was more welcoming. Amanda Mahaffey stated that the goal was to keep the statement simple. Kurt to email the statement out for members to review and comment.

Top priorities for outreach (per an email from absentee member Amanda Bunker):

1. Meeting with the Town Council
2. Publishing the Natural Resources Inventory
3. Outreach activity
4. Website

- Future subcommittee meeting schedules  
No future meetings scheduled at this time.

**3. Other Business**

- Next meeting – March 13, 2013
- Brunswick Landing Conveyances: Denise Clavette to give update at March meeting. Jeremy to forward to the Commission a Memo from Denise Clavette to Manager Gary Brown and the Town Council for review.
- BTLT follow-up meeting date to be scheduled. Request that the meeting be held outside the regular Conservation Commission meeting.

**4. Agenda Items for March**

- Update on Brunswick Landing by Denise Clavette.
- Kurt asked that members review the 2013 list of priorities prior to the next meeting and decided what really needs to be at the top of the list.
- Continue review on 2012 annual report.

**Adjourn**

This meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Attest:



Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary